

Regular Business Meeting: Friday, January 7, Basement of Library, 5th and F St. 7:00 PM

Social Meeting: Saturday, January 22, Williwaw Lodge, Wasilla (see map) 11:00 AM start

Transmitter Hunt: Sunday, 16 January, 1:00 PM 52/52 see rules below

Several interesting things are in the mill for the membership this month. We will have the pleasure of a Q and A session with the FCC district engineers at the regular meeting, and a demonstration of HAQ's "mad scientist machine", along with some interesting regular features.

The social meeting this month is a little different, and will be held at the Williwaw lodge on Wasilla Lake. A map on the other side gives directions to the lodge. The party begins at 11:00 AM, The following things are available as activities: Socialize, play pool, icefish, iceskate, snow machine, toast your toes and marshmallows (not supplied) by the fire, and generally have a good time. Later on in the afternoon, we will have a good meal at fireside and you may return to your home QTH at your leisure.

The transmitter hunt will be a little different this time. The hunters may start from any place in town! Check in on 34/94 before 1:00 with net control. The hunt itself will be on 52/52 simplex.

The cram code course has been rescheduled for the month of January, to be held on a weekend around the middle of the month. Contact Lee Branum, KL7IJG, 753-3193 for details. Also on the class scene, the Novice course is about to begin. Contact Herb Holeman, KL7BIL, 349-3055 to put in names of prospective students. This class will be limited to 30 students per session, so get those names in early. Class begins 18 January, Tudor elementary school, 7:30 pm Registration is the 14th of January, same place. The school is located at 1666 Cache Dr. The school telephone is 349-2712. Along with the actual teaching of classes, we will be needing a few volunteers for some very important jobs. First, we need a few hams who can sort of take a student under his wing and be available for a phone call to help the student when he or she gets stuck on something, and second we may need some transportation for the younger students who have no wheels of their own. For those of you who cannot put in the time actually teaching the class or participating in some other activity, here is a chance to really do some good with a minimum expenditure of effort. In other words, if some of the "never do nothings" get off their duffs and do something, we can really get this club charging along! Remember, you get out of something just what you put into it.

Bill Laxson, KL7IPO, (333-5581 / 337-1779) Is well started on gathering parts for the 2M synthesizers. Club members interested in getting in on this project should contact Bill, and put down a \$10.00 deposit. As soon as 10 members have put in deposits, production will begin on the PC boards. Total price of the finished project is about 50 bucks, more or less, which depends on how many are in on the deal. The 50 does not include the 2 crystals required, the program switches, cabinet, wire and assembly. The additional items will run from 25 to 50 dollars more, depending on how fancy you wish to be. THIS IS NOT A KIT, AND IT IS NOT FOR THE BEGINNER!! No, you don't need an EE degree to get it going, but it is not Heathkit simple either. You have to do some cutting and drilling on your own, and be familiar with common test equipment (VTVM, Scope) in case troubleshooting is required due to mistakes in your hookup. A flyer with more complete information is available for those interested, and will be mailed to all participating individuals. These synthesizers will work with any 2M rig, and require only that they be pre-set for an individual model.

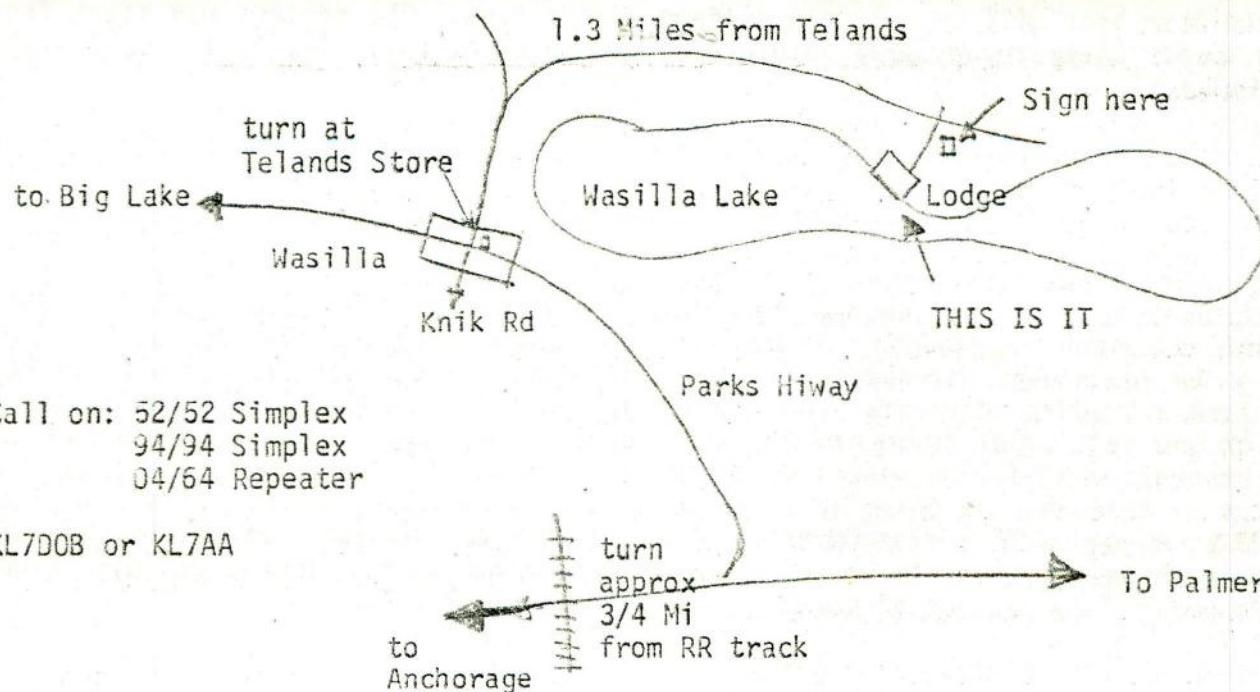
We would like to take this time to thank Yukon Radio for the donation of the thermometers which were handed out to all comers at the last meeting. Didn't get one? Well, if you come to the meetings you would have! Treasure hunt 2389 Also don't forget the great prizes available to all at the raffle table.

We have received word from the various police agencies in town that they are getting an excessive number of non-emergency calls on the 911 number. Use the 911 system ONLY if there are persons injured in an accident, or a building is actually in flames, or someone is in immediate danger of real disaster! Otherwise, use the 7 digit number available for routine calls, such as defective traffic lights, stalled cars, non injury accidents, drunks, vandals

and the like. Also , identify yourself immediatley as an AMATEUR radio operator when calling on the autopatch, as the dispatchers get so many bad calls from CB operators they are starting to hang up on them!! We have started an education program to let the dispatchers know about amateur radio, and our autopatch power. Here, in one way at least, is a good chance to score some points for our side. The first things the operator wants to know when you do need to make a 911 call are the LOCATION, TYPE OF PROBLEM, and HOW MANY INJURED (or WHAT IS ON FIRE) she will then switch you to the appropriate DISPATCHER, and have you repeat the information. ALSO, if the problem is important enough to warrant a 911 Call, STAY AT THE SCENE while giving the data to the dispatcher, as she may need further observations. If you're going to get involved in this type of public welfare traffic, do the job properly, not like a CB'er.

Remember, DUES ARE DUE this month! You must pay on time to be included in the roster.

73, Jim, KL7HAQ



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